



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION VIII

999 18th STREET - SUITE 500
DENVER, COLORADO 80202-2405

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Laura Clemmens, Chief
UT,SD,WY Section

FROM: Michael McCeney, *MAM*
Remedial Project Manager

SUBJECT: TRIP REPORT: 9/28/90 Richardson Flat Tailings Proposed
NPL Site

September 28:

Arrived in Salt Lake 10:30 AM. Met with Muhammed Slam, Utah Department of Health (UDOH) Project Officer, and Dan Symonic, UDOH Toxicologist at UDOH. Drove to the Site in a UDOH vehicle.

Met Ed Osika, Vice President, United Park City Mines Co. (UPCM), and Kerry Gee, Geologist, UPCM, at approximately 11:30 AM at the intersection of U.S. 248 and 40. A copy of the attached access agreement was provided to me and both UDOH representatives upon meeting UPCM representatives, immediately prior to entering the Site.

Conducted walking tour of the Site, accompanied at all times by Gee and Osika. We entered the Site along the abandoned railroad grade at the NW corner of the Site, approximately 1000' east of the intersection of U.S. 40 and Alt. 40. This is a common access point to the Site. A construction barricade is laid across the railroad bed, however this access point to the Site is not secured.

Observed that approximately 60% of the tailings deposit areas have been covered with imported fill material. The majority of the covered areas are supporting vegetation. I did not observe a typical depth of cover.

Observed that a woven wire fence has been erected, sometime in the last few years, around the West, South and East sides of the Site. The fence is approximately five feet high with signs posted every 500-600 feet. The signs are constructed with plywood mounting areas for posting 2'x1' "No Trespassing" signs. Most of the these signs have been vandalized and torn down. These 3 sides of the Site appear to be effectively secured.

Along the North boundary of the Site (the South ROW line of U.S. 40) there is no new fence. An old, non-continuous ROW fence

exists along this Northern boundary. Because of the poor condition of this fence and large gaps (totaling an estimated 1500'), this boundary of the Site is not secured. ROW construction activity is occurring at the NE corner of the Site, precluding the ability to secure or fence that portion of the boundary. At the point of access noted above (NW corner of the Site), there exists a 300'+/- gap in fencing.

Shot one roll of film, 24 exposures.

The representatives from UPCM were very interested in the status of the NPL listing for the Site. Told them EPA was still addressing comments from the proposed listing.

Phoned Kerry Gee from airport to apologize for my lack of knowledge regarding the status of the NPL listing and reaffirm my desire to maintain an open dialogue between EPA and UPCM. He made mention of EPA's lack of fulfillment of provisions of a prior access agreement requiring EPA to provide UPCM with sampling results from sampling activity conducted at the Site. I told him to send me a copy of the agreement and that I would address the matter.

Returned to Denver late afternoon.

ATTACHMENT

cc Mike Zimmerman, 8HWM-ER
Floyd Nichols, 8HWM-ER
Peter Ornstein, 8ORC
Greg Oberley, 8HWM-SM

CONSENT TO ACCESS

United Park City Mines Company, owner of the property known as Richardson Flat Tailings, located in the NW 1/4, Section 1, Township 2 South, Range 4 East, Summit County, Utah, agrees to allow Mike McCeney, an employee of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in Region VIII, and Muhammed Slam and Dan Symonik, employees of the Division of Environmental Health, Utah Department of Health (hereinafter the above-referenced three persons are collectively referenced as "the Federal and State Representatives"), to enter upon the above-described property on the date of September 28, 1990, after meeting with United Park City Mines Company personnel at 11:30 a.m. at the junction of Highways U 248 and US 40, solely for the purpose of a visual inspection of the above-described property.

No samples, of any type, shall be taken from or about the above-described property; however, if any samples were to be taken, United Park City Mines Company would be allowed to take splits of each sample taken and would be given a receipt describing each sample taken.

The Federal and State Representatives shall be accompanied by United Park City Mines Company personnel at all times while the Federal and State Representatives are on the above-described property. Prior to the Federal and State Representatives' entry upon the above-described property, the Federal and State Representatives shall meet with United Park City Mines Company personnel at 11:30 a.m. on September 28, 1990, at the junction of Highways U 248 and US 40 and then proceed to the above-described property.

It is understood that the Federal and State Representatives shall promptly provide United Park City Mines Company with copies of any photographs taken of the above-described property and of any report made or data collected from the above-referenced investigation.

United Park City Mines Company by this Consent to Access assumes no liability for the actions of the Federal and State Representatives upon the above-described property.

UNITED PARK CITY MINES COMPANY

September 28, 1990
(Date)

By: _____

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